

SCHOOLS TOURED AGAIN

President Puckett Secures Enrollment List.

JENKINS' TOTAL VERIFIED

Figures Furnished by Teachers Tally With Report Made to Board by Superintendent—Huffman's Total Exceeded by More Than One Hundred.

President W. E. Puckett and Fred C. Blivins, of the board of school trustees, and Chairman Charles R. Fellows, of the council committee on schools, yesterday made a tour of inspection of the city public school buildings and secured from the teachers the number of pupils enrolled in the various buildings. When they had completed their work, President Puckett announced that the figures which he had secured tallied exactly to those presented by Supt. Jenkins at the meeting of the board Tuesday night. At that meeting, Col. E. W. Huffman challenged Supt. Jenkins' figures and also, challenged President Puckett to go through the schools and verify the figures which the colonel had secured during the five days prior to the board meeting, which figures were published in this paper yesterday morning.

President Puckett says that he visited the schools and secured the enrollment not in any effort to disprove Col. Huffman's figures, but to ascertain for himself who was right. "I had no intention of upholding Supt. Jenkins in this matter unless his figures were correct. I believed them to be correct and for that reason I told Col. Huffman Tuesday night that he could not substantiate any statements that he had made in regard to the matter."

Mistake in Total.
Mr. Puckett also said that Col. Huffman made a mistake in his total published yesterday morning. He declares that the figures given out by the colonel totaled 2,614 instead of 2,570 as his statement shows.

The following comparisons of the totals by schools was given out yesterday afternoon by Mr. Puckett:

Schools	Puckett	Huffman
High school	216	296
White school No. 1	509	506
White school No. 2	362	350
White school No. 3	211	133
White school No. 4	307	292
White school No. 5	338	337
Colored school No. 1	528	530
Colored school No. 2	194	195
Colored school No. 3	69	65
Totals	2,725	2,614
Total white	1,934	1,824
Difference—110.		
Total colored	791	790
Difference—1.		
Total difference—111.		

Enrollment by Rooms.
Following is the enrollment by rooms as announced by Mr. Puckett:

High School	White School No. 1	White School No. 2	White School No. 3	White School No. 4	White School No. 5	Colored School No. 1	Colored School No. 2	Colored School No. 3	Totals
First-grade A—56.									
First-grade B—39.									
Second-grade A—28.									
Second-grade B—25.									
Third-grade A and third-grade B—31.									
Fourth-grade A and fourth-grade B—31.									
Total—216.									

Huffman's total—296.
White School No. 1.
First-grade A—62.
First-grade B—60.
Second-grade A—40.
Second-grade B—46.
Third-grade A—45.
Third-grade B—41.
Fourth-grade A—44.
Fourth-grade B—41.
Fifth-grade A—44.
Fifth-grade B—44.
Sixth-grade A—39.
Sixth-grade B—32.
Total—360.

Huffman's total—366 (Huntington avenue school included).

White School No. 2.
First-grade A—36.
First-grade B—45.
Second-grade A—45.
Second-grade B—43.
Third-grade A—40.
Third-grade B—35.
Fourth-grade A—44.
Fourth-grade B—32.
Fifth-grade A—45.
Fifth-grade B—42.
Total—362.

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BATCHELOR DREW BILL PROPOSED AMENDMENT SENT TO LEGISLATURE

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KILLED BY LEGISLATURE

Councilmen Were Indignant Over Measure Giving School Trustees Right to Ask for Bond Issue, and President Called Special Meeting.

Much indignation was expressed yesterday morning by several members of the city council when they learned that a bill, which was reported to have emanated from a member of the local board of school trustees, and which gave school boards the right to go over the heads of the city councils and apply to the courts for a vote on a bond issue to build school buildings, was pending before the legislature. The matter was taken up with President D. S. Jones and Mr. Jones immediately directed City Clerk Floyd Hudgins to issue a call for a special meeting of the common council for Monday night to adopt resolutions urging the legislature to defeat the measure.

While Clerk Hudgins was preparing the call, news came from Richmond that the legislature had killed the bill. Mr. Hudgins immediately communicated this fact to President Jones and the issuance of the call was held up so President Jones can confer with the clerk and members of the council this morning.

Would Investigate Matter.
It was reported in the afternoon that the council might investigate the source of the bill and take steps to prevent a recurrence of such action by any members of the local school board, but City Clerk Hudgins said last night that he did not think the council would hold any special meeting for that purpose.

Several members of the common council expressed themselves very forcibly on the bill yesterday afternoon. During the conference between the council committee on schools and the finance committee of the board in the high school yesterday afternoon, Councilman Fellows vigorously denounced the bill.

Supt. Jenkins was asked who drew the bill, but he laughingly replied that he did not. However, he virtually said that he knew who did draw the bill, but declined to give any names.

Mr. Batchelor drew the bill. Later it was reported that Trustee O. D. Batchelor drew the measure. When asked about the report last night, Mr. Batchelor readily stated that he did draw such a bill for State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr., but that he could not say that his bill went before the legislature, as he had not seen a copy of it.

Mr. Batchelor went on to say that several weeks ago the superintendent asked him to draw a bill of the nature of the one voted down by the legislature yesterday and that he complied with the request. He declared emphatically that none of the other members of the school board knew anything about the bill. Mr. Eggleston had Senator Sale, of Norfolk, introduce the measure in the house of delegates.

Mr. Batchelor said further that he had no idea that the bill would be reported so soon, and was sorry that it had been as he had intended to ask the school board and council to endorse the measure while it was before the committee.

Counties Have Authority.
Continuing, Mr. Batchelor stated that this measure is similar to one already on the statute books, the only difference being that the one refers to cities and the other to counties. The county school boards now have the right to apply to the courts to have an election on bond issues for new school buildings and Supt. Eggleston thinks that the city school boards should have the same right. Mr. Batchelor asserted the belief that Mr. Eggleston will not give up the fight and that he will have another bill of similar nature introduced at this session.

As the law is now, Mr. Batchelor continued, the school board of this city must ask the council to seek permission from the legislature to have an election for the issuance of bonds for new schools and if a bill similar to that voted down yesterday is not enacted at this session, this city cannot hope to have an election on a bond issue for a new high school building until 1912 and the building could not be completed until 1913.

Arranging for Amateur Show.
Miss Moorman, of Lynchburg, is in this city arranging for a production of "Fete in Flowerland" by local talent for the benefit of the fund being raised to establish a ward in a Richmond hospital for tuberculous patients. The show is said to be an excellent one and made quite a hit in Richmond and other cities in which it has been produced.

Dreamland Bill.
The Spangler Stock Company, in the one-act comedy drama, "Mr. Rodkins in Trouble" will be the feature of the vaudeville bill at Dreamland Theater again this afternoon and tonight. The Gervins, song and dance sketch team, and Zeno, the "Magician," will complete the bill this afternoon and tonight, concluding their engagement at Dreamland.

There will be a new program of pictures for today's performances.

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Gives Voters Right to Decide on Form of City Government.

City Attorney J. A. Masse returned yesterday morning from Richmond, where he attended the meeting of the constitutional committee recently appointed by the conference of the Virginia League of Municipalities to draft an amendment to the State constitution giving the voters the right to decide on the form of government in the cities of the State. The amendment was completed Thursday and sent to the legislature.

The effect of this amendment is to give the cities the right to have a commission form of government if the qualified voters wish it. This form of government is now in force in a number of cities in the South and West and is said to have worked admirably. Instead of having a council of sixteen or more members to transact the city's business, the cities have a commission of three or five who do the work of all of the council members and run the affairs of the city in a business-like manner.

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